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Selectmen's Minutes 05-06-2009

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 6, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd and Ms. LaCourt
Ms. Rowe was absent.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)

a. Minutes of Meeting: April 29, 2009

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

2. Request: Parking Restrictions Waiver on Tufts and Foster Streets. 5/22/09

Deanne Benson, Lesley Ellis School

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED 4-0)

3. Request: On Street Overnight Parking @ 1271B Massachusetts Avenue

Gregory J. Sullivan

Mrs. Mahon moved approval for a temporary overnight pass until June 20th due to extenuating circumstances. The Board asked Mr. Sullivan to inform the office when he is moving to a new location.

SO VOTED (4-0)

4. Discussion: Traffic Concerns @ Lower Ridge Street

Bill & Claire Maytum, 25 Ridge Street

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

5. Report to Town Meeting: Article 12 Bylaw Amendment/Keeping of Hens/Poultry

A majority of the Board is not willing to support a change in the Bylaw to allow the keeping of hens in residential areas unless the Board of Health can be supportive of the change. The Board of Selectmen had requested the Board of Health to

speak with the proponents of this article and consider whether its concerns about density, disease, odors and noise could be satisfactorily addressed. After meeting with the proponents, the Board of Health informed the Board of Selectmen that is unanimous opposition to this article continues.

Mr. Greeley stated that if they have approval from all abutting neighbor, he would be inclined to support this article.

Mrs. Mahon moved no action on this article.

SO VOTED (3-2)

Ms. LaCourt and Ms. Rowe voted in the negative.

6. Discussion: Budget 2010

Brian Sullivan, Town Manager

Town Manager

Mr. Sullivan stated that they had reduced the Town's operating budget original submission by over \$800,000. He reported that the legislature is still in the process of determining the level of State Aid that cities and towns will receive in FY2010. Due to the continuing uncertainty, we have been conservative in our estimates in the preparation of this revised budget. Mr. Sullivan stated that we are using a State Aid figure which is \$2,308,306 less than the state aid received in FY 2009 after the 9C cuts.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan if the "Quinn Bill" is eliminated what impact would that have on the command staff. Mr. Sullivan stated he would be watching that and he doesn't want to lose employees, but it may become a reality.

Mr. Ronald Spangler, School Committee member, stated he heard what the Board is saying and the school department is holding the line.

Mr. Greeley thanked Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Galkowski, Deputy Town Manager, for their excellent work in submitting FY 2010 Revised Budget.

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

New Business

Ms. LaCourt stated she would like the Selectmen to be in charge of the Nagaokakyo City Committee. Unfortunately, many of the original records have not been returned to the Selectmen's Office. Mrs. LaCourt feels the Selectmen's Office should be the keeper of all records and asked that anyone who may have papers, letters, etc. from twenty-five years ago to please bring them to the Selectmen's Office. Ms. LaCourt feels we should have more people on the Sister City Committee.

Mrs. Mahon moved that the Chairman and Ms. LaCourt be in charge of the partnership between the School Department and the Town.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Arlington will be having a group of students going to Nagaokakyo in July and a group of adults in November, 2009. Mr. Greeley is planning to be part of the adult group going in November.

Mr. Hurd stated that he had spoken to Senator Donnelly last week and the Senator would like to come to the Selectmen's Meeting on May 11th. Mrs. Krepelka will arrange the time with Senator Donnelly.

Mr. Greeley stated that the Board of Selectmen would discuss the Mass. Avenue corridor at its meeting on Monday, May 11th. If the Board agrees to submit the 25 percent plans, those plans would be forwarded to the State for comments. The state will hold a public hearing in Arlington

to report on those comments and receive public input. Traffic counts are going to be conducted for this project, but will not be completed by the next meeting.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

Executive Session

Next meeting of BOS May 11, 2009.